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## **ILLINOIS RESIDENT VERNE BRET IVERS, JR. PLEADS GUILTY TO ADAM WALSH ACT VIOLATION**

GREENEVILLE, Tenn - Verne Bret Ivers, Jr., 34, originally from Sycamore, Illinois, and most recently a resident of Morristown and Greeneville, Tennessee, pled guilty on Monday, August 2, 2010, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee at Greeneville, to violating the federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. Sentencing is set for November 3, 2010, at 1:15 p.m. in United States District Court in Greeneville.

Ivers faces a maximum term of 10 years in prison, a maximum fine of \$250,000, a maximum term of supervised release of life, and a special mandatory assessment of \$100. He has remained in federal custody pending sentencing.

Ivers was convicted in Illinois in 2001 on one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and was subject to registration under Illinois law for the remainder of his life. After he moved to Tennessee, he was convicted under Tennessee law for failure to comply with state sex offender registration laws. While on probation for that offense, he moved from Tennessee to North Carolina, without complying with registration laws or notifying his Tennessee probation officer. The United States Marshals Service (USMS) located him on February 26, 2010, and he has remained in federal custody since that time.

On April 13, 2010, a one-count indictment was returned against Ivers by a federal grand jury sitting in Greeneville, Tennessee. This indictment was the result of an ongoing investigation by the USMS, Greene and Hamblen, Tennessee Sheriffs Departments, Yancey County, North Carolina Sheriff's Office and Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole. Assistant U.S. Attorney Helen Smith represented the United States.

This case was brought as part of Public Safe Childhood (PSC), a Department initiative launched in 2006 that aims to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Department of Justice Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, PSC marshals federal, state, tribal and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information visit [ProjectSafeChildhood.gov](http://ProjectSafeChildhood.gov).

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